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California Highway Patrol Officer Tells His Story Of Returning To Work With A Disability During National Disability Employment Awareness (NDEAM) Month Event in Sacramento

NDEAM celebrates contributions of workers with disabilities

WHAT: CHP Officer Mike Mitchell talks about returning to duty with the help of a computerized prosthetic leg during an event commemorating National Disability Employment Awareness Month. Mike was injured while on patrol in his vehicle in Amador County in 2011. The accident required the amputation of his right leg above the knee.

WHEN: Wednesday, October 15, 2014, 10:00 am (**media availability with Officer Mitchell and others at 9:30, before formal program**)

WHERE: Department of Consumer Affairs, 1625 North Market Blvd, Sacramento

MORE: The California Department of Human Resources, California Department of Consumer Affairs, the State Personnel Board and State Disability Advisory Council are holding a Disability Awareness and Resource Fair as part of the national campaign to raise awareness about disability employment issues. The event includes a presentation by the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI).

Speakers include:

Anna Caballero, Secretary, Business, Consumer Services and Housing Agency
Marybel Batjer, Secretary, California Government Operations Agency
Awet Kidane, Director, Department of Consumer Affairs
Richard Gillihan, Acting Director, California Department of Human Resources
Raymond Sanchez, Co-Chair, State Disability Advisory Council

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